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Title: Hindrances in doubling of railway line between Manelikkara − Kayamkulam and relocation of railway gate at Manelikkara.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA): Sir, the railway doubling work between Kayamkulam and Mavelikkara is stopped due to the opposition from local people. The present railway gate (L-C. No.29) at Mavelikkara obstructs the movement of the people who live in eastern side of the town. There is a Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe colony and also an educational institution for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students is located at this site.

There was a proposal for constructing a subway at this point to avoid traffic blocks and for smooth passage of vehicles and pedestrians. But this proposal found to be not feasible since water logging would be there during rainy seasons. Expert opinion suggests that shifting of the present Railway Gate to few yards to the southern side would help ease out the present problem.

In this situation, I urge upon the authorities to consider shifting of the Railway Gate No.29 to southward and take urgent steps to recommend the doubling work at this stretch.